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In re Application of:)
Paul MELLER) Group Art Unit: 2877
Application No.: 10/717,594) Examiner: R. ROSENBERGER
Filed: November 19, 2003)
For: NEPHELOMETRIC DETECTION)
UNIT WITH OPTICAL IN-)
PROCESS CONTROL)

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

The listed documents were previously considered in parent Application No. 09/428,496, filing date October 28, 1999, upon which Applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form PTO 1449.

Regarding the non-English language documents DE 1 296 828 and DE 3630292 C1, in lieu of a statement of relevance or translation, a copy of a search report from the European Patent Office in a corresponding application citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof was filed in parent Application No. 09/428,496. Moreover, U.S. Patent No. 3,310,680 appears to correspond to DE 1296828.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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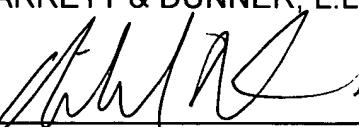
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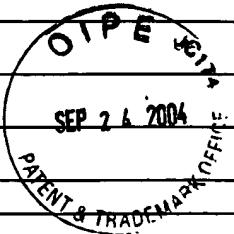
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial*	Document Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate
	4,842,406	6/1989	Von Bargen			
	4,730,922	3/15/88	Bach et al.			
	4,343,552	8/10/82	Blades			
	3,310,680	3/21/67	Hasegawa			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes or No
	DE 1 296 828	6/4/69	Germany			No
	DE 3630292 C1	2/11/88	Germany			No

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	European Search Report

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